

Wishnick—a beloved husband, and Los Angeles community leader—who passed away on April 27, 2019 at the age of 76.

Arnie was born on September 7, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois to Ruth and Ben Wishnick, who immigrated to the United States from Poland. His career began in high school as a repairman for the Schick Razor Company. After college, he moved out west to join the emerging banking industry in Beverly Hills, eventually settling in Pacific Palisades.

In 1993, Arnie assumed the role of executive director of Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, a position he held for 25 years. During those years, his extraordinary love and commitment to the community was evident from his dedicated organization of annual events like the Palisades Teen Contest, the Classic Auto Show and the Holiday Ho Ho Ho.

Arnie especially enjoyed coordinating celebrity appearances each year for the Fourth of July Palisades Americanism Parade. He also convinced stars such as Billy Crystal, Martin Short, and Steve Guttenberg to be Honorary Mayors of Pacific Palisades.

He was deeply involved in every aspect of the community. He was president of the Optimist Club of Pacific Palisades and an active member of both the Village Green Committee and PRIDE, two organizations designed to improve and enhance the aesthetics of Pacific Palisades. He was an honorary Rotarian and was recognized time and again for his service to the community, including with the Citizen of the Year, Sparkplug, and Pride of the Palisades awards.

Arnie loved the arts—he produced four musicals at Theatre Palisades and was a member of the Just Off Via Dance Troupe that performed at various community events. For a time, he even wrote movie reviews for the local newspaper.

Arnie is survived by his wife, Jackie; step children, Wendy and Daniel; their child, Bella; and his sister, Audrey. Arnie was always smiling, eager to chat and willing to help in any way he could. May Arnie's memory be a blessing to us all.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JAMES R. CURRY RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement Chief Warrant Officer James R. Curry, who will be retiring after 30 years of active duty in the United States Navy.

Chief Warrant Officer Curry joined the Navy on August 28, 1989 as an Airman Recruit and completed Basic Recruit Training at Great Lakes, Illinois. His first assignment was as Naval Air Station North Island, where he served as a Plane Captain for Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Ten. Over the course of his career, Chief Warrant Officer Curry has served in support of numerous operations, including North Korean Contingency Operations, Operation Desert Strike, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following multiple deployments afloat with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Four and Helicopter Anti-

Submarine Squadron Six, Chief Warrant Officer Curry reported to NAVSUPFAC at Paxtunt River, Maryland, where he served as Command Duty Officer. His most rewarding and satisfying tour, however, was with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23, the "Wildcards", where he served as Avionics Division Officer and Armament Division Officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Curry has honorably served our nation for the last three decades, and it's thanks to people like him that our country remains free and secure. I congratulate him on an exemplary career, and wish him a happy retirement with his wife Tracy and his five children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, and 202 on May 10, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted: on roll call vote number 197, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 198, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 199, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 200, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 201, I would have voted "no"; and on roll call vote number 202, I would have voted "yes."

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Stroke Awareness Month.

Stroke is the 5th leading cause of death and affects someone every 40 seconds in the U.S.

As a stroke survivor, I know the difficult road to recovery.

That's why I've reintroduced the Return to Work Awareness Act to help survivors of stroke and other serious illnesses get back into the workforce.

I invite my colleagues to join in cosponsoring the Return to Work Awareness Act, as well as my resolution recognizing Stroke Awareness Month.

But, we can do a lot more than just raise awareness, and I'm proud to say that House Democrats are delivering "For the People."

In the past few weeks, we passed a bill protecting health coverage for the 130 million Americans living with pre-existing conditions, including 6.5 million stroke survivors, and today we will debate legislation to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and lower drug costs.

Madam Speaker, let's continue delivering "For the People" in May and every other month.

THE SECOND STAGE OF AOG HISTORY (1901–45)

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD part two of an article I submitted earlier this year by Keith J. Hamel honoring the 150th Anniversary of the West Point Association of Graduates:

"At the turn of the 20th century, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy had been in existence for more than three decades. It began on May 22, 1869, when 15 graduates, acting upon an idea from Robert Anderson, Class of 1825, met in the office of Dr. Horace Webster, Class of 1818, and adopted articles and bylaws for the new organization. Article II of the Association's Constitution stated: 'The object of this Association shall be to cherish the memories of the Military Academy at West Point, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates.' According to Charles P. Echols, Class of 1891, the early years of the Association were dedicated to 'little more than holding an annual meeting at West Point, collecting dues, and publishing an annual bulletin.' Echols was generalizing, of course—in its early years, the Association moved Sylvanus Thayer's remains to the West Point Cemetery and memorialized him with a statue, and it built a memorial hall at West Point with funds left by George Cullum in his will—but in the first stage of its existence, the Association was hardly recognizable as the organization it would later become. That began to change during the Association of Graduates' second stage of evolution (1901–45), as changes to AOG's mission, governance, and operations signaled its desire to become more like a 'modern' alumni association.

One year into that second stage, the membership of the Association was celebrated by President Theodore Roosevelt, who attended West Point's Centennial Exercises and said during his June 11, 1902 speech, "During [its first 100 years] no other educational institution in the land has contributed so many names as West Point has contributed to the honor roll of the nation's greatest citizens . . . The average graduate of West Point during these hundred years has given a greater sum of service to the country through his life than has the average graduate of any other institution in this broad land." A year earlier, almost as if in anticipation of Roosevelt's remarks, the Association's 1901 Annual Reunion included an "Index to Obituaries (1870–1900)," which contained 953 names of the president's "honor roll" and information on how to find biographies detailing each's "sum of service to the country." Also, with 1902 being the Centennial of West Point, some 350 members of the Long Gray Line were present to personally hear Roosevelt's tribute, more than triple the attendance of the previous highest annual meeting attendance (109 in 1883). During the Centennial Exercises, they also witnessed Lieutenant General John M. Schofield, Class of 1853 (Retired) and President of the Association, unveil a tablet commemorating the Academy's first century of existence. "Let us all pledge ourselves to our country, that the best efforts of our lives shall be to make the record of the second century even more memorable than that of the first," Schofield said in his brief remarks.

Despite the excitement and vigor inspired by West Point's Centennial Exercises, the Association of Graduates returned to a more